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Chairman Kevin Martin
445 12th Street SW
Room #8B-201
Washington, DC 20544

Re: Safer Internet Access

Dear Chairman Martin:

My constituents are separated by the digital divide. Some have access to wireless broadband and others don't. If Harnett County and the rest of North Carolina is to reach its potential, our schools, businesses and citizens must have high-speed, family-friendly access to the internet.

The amount of indecent material on the internet today is astounding. I have children and I am almost afraid to let them use the computer without my supervision. It is hard for parents to prevent indecent pop-ups from occurring.

I read about an article in the New York Times that discussed an ingenious proposal by a Silicon Valley company to offer free wireless broadband internet. I found other articles that stated this access would come standard with indecency filters.

This is ideal because network providers can block indecent content more easily and efficiently than software solutions, which force parents to act as IT administrators for their households. This is a burden that should be placed on the producer, not the consumer.

Please help close the digital divide, improve our education and economy and protect our children from inappropriate content on the internet by supporting the proposal for free wireless broadband internet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Lewis".

Representative David R. Lewis

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